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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))

publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)

international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

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the claims:

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the drawings:

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages

the claims, Nos.

the drawings, sheets/figs

the sequence listing (*specify*):

any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages

the claims, Nos.

the drawings, sheets/figs

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-45	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-45	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-45	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

- D1: US 2002/0073006 A1 (GOLDMAN), 13 June 2002
- D2: US 2002/0087450 A1 (REDDY), 4 July 2002
- D3: US 2003/0014373 A1 (PERGE et al), 16 January 2003
- D4: US 2002/0138385 A1 (MILAM), 26 September 2002
- D5: US 2002/0087506 A1 (REDDY), 4 July 2002
- D6: US 2002/0087446 A1 (REDDY), 4 July 2002
- D7: WO 2001/029751 A1 (GARAGE.COM), 26 April 2001
- D8: WO 2001/020523 A1 (VENTURE CAPITAL ONLINE, LLC), 22 March 2001
- D9: US 2002/0032599 A1 (CHANDLER et al), 14 March 2002

NOVELTY (N) and INVENTIVE STEP (IS) claims 1-45

Claims 1, 20 and 39, at least: These claims lack novelty when compared to each of documents D1-D9, each of which discloses all the essential features of the claimed invention.

Claims 1-45: Features of the dependent claims, when not disclosed in a citation, are not seen to confer inventive step over that citation. The features define commonplace arrangements and technical equivalents of, or workshop improvements to, the citations, and would be readily conceived by the skilled addressee when implementing the cited inventions.